

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 11th, 2022 at 7:00pm  
Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: Mike Xenakis, Anne Miller, Ellen Keene, Nick Seifert, Wes Cate  
Public:

- Public Comments
- Announcements
  - None.
- Agenda Updates
- Approve previous minutes
- Business
  - Plainfield Updates
    - No updates, Bob not able to make it.
  - Town plan / Enhanced Energy Plan
    - Nick to send existing enhanced energy plan to Sam Lash for feedback.
    - Anne suggested that it may be worth reviewing the existing enhanced energy plan in light of energy prices.
      - Nick to get a copy of the existing enhanced energy plan to Anne Miller.
      - Nick to review as well.
  - Upper Winooski Community Solar update.
    - Ellen gave an update. They've set two dates to go look at two properties. One is at Maple Hill School, one is a private landowner. Trying to nail down the site by the end of the summer.
    - The Marshfield Village Store wants to become an offtaker, and they have around another 10 families that are interested.
    - Rebates are ending in 2023 (as of today), so they want to be "shovel ready" by spring of '23.
    - John has a simple website up:  
<https://www.upperwinooskicommunitysolar.com/>
  - Marshfield Municipal Solar update
    - Nick recapped the actions here. No updates at this time.
  - Grants / Funding opportunities
    - Electric buses
      - No update here, waiting to hear back from Erin Barry about this, and figuring out how to more directly support this if possible.
      - Wes shared some anecdotal thoughts/feedback from people he knows who've driven or used electric busses.
      - Sam Lash has some great ideas and experience with rolling out an electric bus program. If we can get commitment from the schoolboard these will be great discussions to have.
  - ARA funding updates

- Building audit
  - Mike reviewed the audit that was performed on 2010 on the OSC, he said it was very well done. In discussion with Rich, some of the work has been done, but not all.
    - Two things caught his eye: 1) thermal improvements (air sealing, insulation details, interior air leakage), uninsulated foundation. 2) ventilation could be much improved, and there may be mandates to improve this. Ventilation is more for health, there are some energy savings, and also in overall efficiency.
    - All in all there are some good opportunities for improvement.
  - Anne mentioned that the OSC had some radon remediation ventilation installed somewhat recently.
  - Ellen asked about funding, and where this would come from.
    - Nick mentioned the ARPA money, but a lot of weatherization money passed the legislature, but hasn't necessarily been designed yet (by Efficiency VT).
    - Sam Lash also mentioned that there are some other opportunities out there. A lot of the "program design" has not been done yet, but will be.
  - For next steps Mike is thinking he would discuss the audit with Rich, and maybe do a blower door test (he has the equipment), and then possibly an updated audit.
  - Sam Lash mentioned that the municipal resilience program will include an ASRAE Level 2 audit.
- Food shelf walk in fridge
  - Anne gave an update here. She called Efficiency Vermont and spoke with someone who seemed helpful and promised a call back, but they never did. The people who run the food shelf are both into it.

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